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THE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE

Thursday - December 15, 1977

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7:30	Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski - The Oval Office.
8:00	Breakfast with Senators Henry M. Jackson and Sam Nunn - The Roosevelt Room.
10:30	Mr. Jody Powell - The Oval Office.
11:00 (30 min.)	News Conference. (Mr. Jody Powell). Room 450, EOB.
11:45 (20 min.)	Meeting with Leaders of the Association of Arab- American University Graduates and the National Association of Arab Americans. (Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski) - The Roosevelt Room.
12:15 (5 min.)	Attorney General Griffin Bell - The Oval Office
2:00 (2-1/2 hrs.)	Budget Appeals Meeting. (Mr. James McIntyre). The Cabinet Room.
4:30 (5 min.)	His Excellency Nobuhiko Ushiba, Minister for External Economic Affairs of Japan. (Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski) - The Oval Office.
5:28	Depart South Grounds via Motorcade en route the Ellipse.
5:30	Light National Christmas Tree.

December 15, 1977

Frank Moore Secretary Schlesinger

The attached was returned in the President's outbox. It is forwarded to you for your information.

Rick Hutcheson

RE: TALKING POINTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH SEN. FORD

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10:10 a.m.

The House offer that will be made this morning may well include a residual emergency allocation authority of new intrastate natural gas. We had just learned that the House members are still debating this point amongst themselves and may not reach a final decision for another 30 In talking about this minutes. point with Senator Ford, the point to stress about the House offer is the fact that it will substantially cut back on the allocation authorities in the House bill of intrastate gas.

(re "checked" point)

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.



Department of Energy Washington, D.C. 20585

December 13, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR:

THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM SCHLESINGER

SUBJECT:

Talking Points for Discussion with

Senator Ford

-- The bill being offered by the House today is a serious proposal that goes a long way toward meeting the Senate concerns on natural gas.

- -- It eliminates interference in the intrastate market for both existing intrastate contracts and non-price regulatory matters.
 - o existing intrastate contracts would be grand fathered -- no rollbacks
- o allocation of intrastate gas would be eliminated except in
 - o there would be no producer regulation other than for prices
- -- High cost gas production would be guaranteed a higher price
 - o Devonian Shale
 - o Geopressurized Methane
 - o Gas Stripper Wells (less than 60 Mcf per day)
 - o Coal Seam Gas

would all be guaranteed 25¢ per Mcf above the controlled price, and the FERC could set still higher prices.

- -- For deep drilling and deep water drilling FERC would also be required to set high cost prices.
- -- Starting at the \$1.75 price and increasing annually at 9 percent per year is a healthy incentive price higher than the generous levels in the NEP for conventional gas that will result in a price well in excess of \$3.50 per Mcf by 1985.
- -- Given the heavy residential gas loads in Kentucky, any higher prices are likely to impact suddenly on residential consumers. With relatively little industry on gas, the incremental pricing provisions will not offer Kentucky's homeowners much protection.
- -- The House is going a long way toward meeting the Senate's concerns on intrastate gas and high cost gas. Your acceptance of this package could make agreement possible. The country needs a bill and this would be a fair bill.

Ford is likely to counter with the need for some end point to controls. Johnston or Jackson may well make a counter offer to the House today or tomorrow adding to the House proposal Presidential authority in some future year (Jackson would not go any earlier than 1985) to remove controls based on certain findings subject to a one-House disapproval.

If Ford can accept the House proposal as is, this further concession -- which will make the House very nervous -- would not be needed. If Ford insists on an end point, you should indicate that it would be very difficult to get House approval of anything earlier than 1985 or other than a Presidential authority to remove controls (as opposed to stopping an automatic termination).

A general discussion, stressing the importance of a bill and the key role Senator Ford can play in moving the whole conference forward, probably is the best approach. WASHINGTON
December 13, 1977

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The attached is forwarded to you for your information.

Rick Hutcheson

TALKING POINTS FOR DISCUSSION WITH SEN. FORD

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 15, 1977

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

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FRANK MOORE J.m. /Pd.

We are in trouble in the House on Social Security because of absentees and because the Republicans have chosen to make this a partisan issue. It is very very close.

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Some of the liberals are jumping ship so that they can say they voted against the high taxes. The vote on the rule will occur at about 1:30 p.m. I will call reports to Susan.

It looks now as if we have a 3 vote margin on the B-1. That vote will occur as soon as the Senate finishes with Social Security. Again, I will call in reports as I get them.

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I HAVE WORKED DAY AND NIGHT TO MAKE SURE THAT A CONCERN FOR HUMAN RIGHTS IS WOVEN THROUGH EVERYTHING OUR GOVERNMENT DOES, AT HOME AND ABROAD.

THIS POLICY HAS PRODUCED SOME CONTROVERSY. IT IS VERY MUCH IN KEEPING WITH THE CHARACTER AND HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY.

WE BECAME AN INDEPENDENT NATION IN A STRUGGLE FOR HUMAN RIGHTS. THERE HAVE BEEN MANY SUCH STRUGGLES SINCE THEN --

FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY, FOR UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE, FOR RACIAL EQUALITY, FOR WOMEN'S RIGHTS, FOR THE RIGHTS OF WORKERS.

NOT ALL THESE STRUGGLES HAVE YET BEEN WON. BUT THE FREEDOM AND VIGOR OF OUR OWN PUBLIC LIFE IS EVIDENCE OF THE RIGHTS AND LIBERTIES WE HAVE ACHIEVED.

I BELIEVE THAT PUBLIC LIFE EVERYWHERE SHOULD HAVE THAT SAME FREEDOM AND VIGOR.

WE HAVE NO WISH TO TELL OTHER NATIONS WHAT POLITICAL OR SOCIAL SYSTEMS THEY SHOULD HAVE.

BUT WE WANT OUR WORLDWIDE INFLUENCE TO REDUCE HUMAN

SUFFERING, NOT INCREASE IT.

THIS IS EQUALLY TRUE WHETHER THE CAUSE OF SUFFERING BE HUNGER OR TYRANNY.

WE ARE THEREFORE WORKING TO ADVANCE THE FULL RANGE OF HUMAN RIGHTS, = ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL AS WELL AS CIVIL AND POLITICAL.

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS
COVENANTS MEAN THAT ONE GOVERNMENT MAY CRITICIZE ANOTHER'S

TREATMENT OF CITIZENS WITHOUT REGARDING EACH OTHER AS ENEMIES.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO DO THIS, JUST AS WE WELCOME SCRUTINY AND CRITICISM OF OURSELVES, AS PART OF THE NORMAL DEALINGS BETWEEN NATIONS.

WE ARE STRENGTHEN HAS OUR FOREIGN POLICY ON HUMAN RIGHTS,

AND WE ARE LETTING IT BE KNOWN CLEARLY THAT THE UNITED STATES

STANDS WITH THE VICTIMS OF REPRESSION -- WITH THE TORTURED,

THE UNJUSTLY IMPRISONED, THE SILENCED.

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OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND THE DISSIDENTS IN EASTERN EUROPE
AND THE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN LATIN AMERICA, ASIA AND AFRICA
KNOW WHERE WE STAND.

WE HAVE SPOKEN OUT AGAINST GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN COUNTRIES LIKE CAMBODIA, SOUTH AFRICA AND UGANDA.

WE HAVE RECEIVED EXILES FROM MANY COUNTRIES -- EXILES
WHO REPRESENT THOSE WHO ARE UNABLE TO SPEAK IN THEIR OWN LANDS.

WE HAVE ENCOURAGED SEVERAL COUNTRIES TO PERMIT INSPECTION VISITS FROM THE INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE RED CROSS.

WE HAVE REDUCED MILITARY RELATIONSHIPS WHICH IN SOME COUNTRIES.

HAVE SEEMED TO IMPLY SUPPORT FOR REPRESSIVE REGIMES.

OUR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS WILL REFLECT MORE CLEARLY OUR HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO LEAD THE EFFORT IN THE UNITED NATIONS
TO GAIN APPROVAL OF COSTA RICA'S PROPOSAL TO CREATE A HIGH
COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS.

WE SUPPORT THE PRIVATE AND INDEPENDENT HUMAN RIGHTS

ORGANIZATIONS WHICH GATHER INFORMATION AND SUPPORT ACTIVITIES

IN THE HUMAN RIGHTS FIELD.

IN THE PAST YEAR, HUMAN RIGHTS HAS BECOME AN ISSUE THAT

NO GOVERNMENT ON EARTH CAN ANY LONGER AFFORD TO IGNORE. THERE

HAVE BEEN NUMEROUS INSTANCES OF IMPROVEMENT. SOME REPRESENT

GENUINE CHANGE AND SOME ARE MERELY COSMETIC -- BUT WE WELCOME

THEM ALL BECAUSE THEY RELIEVE THE SUFFERING OF PERSECUTED PEOPLE.

THE RESULTS OF OUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY WILL SELDOM BE DRAMATIC. THERE WILL BE TENSIONS ALONG THE WAY, AND WE WILL OFTEN BE PERCEIVED AS EITHER TOO RASH OR TOO TIMID.

BUT THIS IS A SMALL RISK COMPARED TO THE RISK ASSUMED
BY BRAVE MEN AND WOMEN WHO LIVE WHERE REPRESSION HAS NOT YET
YIELDED TO LIBERTY.

MY PERSONAL COMMITMENT TO HUMAN RIGHTS IS VERY STRONG.

THE AMERICAN PEOPLE FEEL AS I DO.

OUR GOVERNMENT WILL EXPRESS THAT COMMITMENT, AND NOT

HIDE IT.

WE WILL ENCOURAGE ALL OTHER NATIONS TO JOIN US.

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"FIRST QUESTION -- HELEN THOMAS....."

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING STATEMENT

This is the time of year when we set aside our preoccupations, our differences, and our worries, and remember what is warmest and most open in the human spirit.

It is also a time when, as we repeat traditions that other generations have established, we demonstrate the continuity of our beliefs, and remind ourselves of our connection with those who have come before.

One of these traditions is the lighting of the National Christmas Tree. For more than fifty years, every President has participated in this ceremony. I am proud to participate for the first time, and to carry out a tradition that has been part of our national life for such a long time. Looking at the last minutes of this beautiful sunset and this clear sky, I know it would not be possible to have a lovelier evening for this ceremony.

Too often, the Christmas message of Peace has come in the midst of war. Of all the blessings we have to be grateful for this year, the greatest is that this tree can be lit for a nation at peace. This Christmas also brings the hope that peace will come to a region that for too long has known only war. Last October, I designated this day a National Day of Prayer; there can be no more appropriate subject for our hopes than the success of the mission of peace.

The traditions of Christmas are public ones, but our warmest memories and most vivid impressions are the private joys of friends and family. I can't approach this time of year without remembering that very warm and beautiful story by Dylan Thomas, "A Child's Christmas in Wales," which is probably the best expression I have read of the joy and mystery and love that bind us together at Thomas understood how all our Christmases tend to blend together in our minds -- he said he could never remember "whether it snowed for six days and six nights when I was twelve, or whether it snowed for twelve days and twelve nights when I was six," -- and I think all of us come back to this season each year with the feeling that we are somehow returning to a special part of ourselves. Snow never figured prominently in our Christmases at Plains, but I know that it wouldn't seem like Christmas unless I were going back there to be with my own family and my friends. Each time we repeat a Christmas it gathers an added meaning from all the Christmases past.

Christmas is such a festive occasion that we sometimes lose sight of its unique significance for those of our people who are Christians, like myself. For us it is, above all else, a time of reverence and awe, an occasion to reflect on the birth of our Savior and the depth of God's love for all mankind. For all of our people, it is an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our nation, which is the source of our greatest strength.

The holiday season that we are approaching is a secular celebration of family and friends and the joys in life, but it is also a time for all of us to turn our hearts to each other, not out of pain or grief of desperation, but out of the far greater and deeper need for mutual love and shared joy. I am full of hope tonight, hope that the love we feel for those closest to us will make it possible for all men to see that those they have called enemies, others call "brother," that we all share a common humanity. We are all vulnerable to pain and loss and error, but we are also capable of a nobility and goodness we rarely reach. It is this potential for nobility and caring that gives us hope and sustains our faith that the time will come when the ancient promise shall be fulfilled, of peace on earth, goodwill to men.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

LIGHTING OF THE NATIONAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Thursday - December 15,1977

The Ellipse

Departure: 5:28 p.m.

From: Tin

Tim Kraft

SEQUENCE

5:28 p.m.

You, Mrs. Carter and Amy board motorcade on South Grounds and depart en route Ellipse.

5:30 p.m.

Motorcade arrives Ellipse.

PRESS POOL COVERAGE CLOSED ARRIVAL

You and Mrs. Carter will be met by:

John W. Dixon, President, Christmas Pageant of Peace, Inc.

You, Mrs. Carter and Amy, escorted by John Dixon, proceed to offstage announcement area and pause for announcement.

5:32 p.m.

Announcement

5:32 p.m.

You, Mrs. Carter and Amy proceed to dais and take your seats.

OPEN PRESS COVERAGE LIVE NATIONWIDE TELEVISION

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5:33 p.m.	Remarks by John Dixon, con- cluding in the introduction of Secretary of Interior Andrus.
5:35 p.m.	Remarks by Secretary Andrus.
5:37 p.m.	Introduction of Rev. John T. Tavlarides, Dean, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Cathedral, by John Dixon.
5:38 p.m.	Prayer for Peace by Reverend Tavlarides.
5:39 p.m.	Introduction of Sea Chanters Navy Band Family Chorus by John Dixon.
	Christmas musical selection.
5:42 p.m.	Introduction of Karen Troyer, Camp Fire Girl, by John Dixon.
5:43 p.m.	Remarks by Karen Troyer.
	NOTE: At the conclusion of her remarks, Karen Troyer will present flowers to Mrs. Carter and shake hands with the President.
5:44 p.m.	Introduction of James Parker, Eagle Scout, by John Dixon.
5:45 p.m.	Remarks by James Parker.
	NOTE: At the conclusion of his remarks, James Parker will shake hands with you.
5:47 p.m.	Introduction of you by John Dixon.

5:48 p.m.		PRESIDENTIAL REMARKS.
		FULL PRESS COVERAGE
5:52 p.m.		Remarks conclude.
		You return to your seat.
	5:53 p.m.	Introduction of Rev. Monsignor W. Louis Quinn, Pastor, St. Matthews Cathedral by John Dixon.
,	5:53 p.m.	Benediction by Rev. Monsignor Quinn.
	5:54 p.m.	Invitation to you to light the National Christmas Tree by John Dixon.
5:54 p.m.	,	You, Mrs. Carter and Amy step forward to the switch for tree lighting.
		You light the National Christmas Tree.
		You, Mrs. Carter and Amy remain standing for Christmas Carol Medley.
	5:56 p.m.	Conclusion of the program by John Dixon.
5:57 p.m.		You, Mrs. Carter and Amy greet hosts on stage and proceed to motorcade for boarding.
6:05 p.m.		Motorcade departs Ellipse en route South Grounds.
6:07 p.m.	•	Arrive South Grounds.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1977

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT

FROM:

JIM FALLOWS/ACHSAH NESMITH

SUBJECT:

Christmas Tree Lighting

NOTE: The tree you will light is technically the National Community Christmas Tree. Congress designated the Gen. Grant Tree in Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Park as the official "National Christmas Tree." The 32-ft. live Colorado Blue Spruce you will light was donated by a Maryland family and will remain on the Ellipse. Earlier live trees from faraway places died. The 57 smaller trees, one for each state, territory and the District, will be transplanted in area National Parks. The Georgia tree will be on your right.

- 1. All Presidents have participated in a lighting ceremony since Calvin Coolidge lighted the first National Tree on the South Lawn in 1923. Beginning in 1954 the two-week Pageant of Peace has expressed our nation's desire to foster friendship and understanding between the nations of the world.
- 2. A Yule log will burn night and day and bands, choruses and dancers from throughout the nation will present seasonal music through January 1 as part of the Pageant. No one should worry if they see the nine reindeer (including one named Rudolph) still here on Christmas Eve night -- these are not Santa's, but visitors from the National Zoo. (Their antlers are a bit disheveled looking because their most presentable season is spring, but at the North Pole things are no doubt timed better.)

- 3. The low-wattage lights used on all the trees reduce the energy required (down 74 per cent from the 1972 levels for the National Tree) without sacrificing the traditional sparkle.
- 4. You have designated this day a National Day of Prayer. We pray for peace not only for our own people but for all the world. As the leaders of two traditionally warring nations seek to reach out to each other and establish a basis for permanent peace in a region that has known only war for generations, we pray that their deep religious faith will guide both sides and bring their efforts to fruition.
- 5. The theme for this year's celebration is "the American family." The lights on the National Tree are predominantly green, the symbolic color of hope.
- 6. You find great hope in the fact that families draw closer together at this season. It is one occasion when they turn to each other -- not out of pain or grief or desperation -- but out of the greater need for mutual love and shared joy. Family ties are tested in times of trouble, but they are formed in caring and love, in shared traditions, in the age-old longing to give of ourselves and make those close to us happy. We must carry this spirit of caring to the family of nations, recognizing the common humanity of all people. It is this spirit of love and sharing that sustains us, the hope and faith that is best expressed in the ancient promise of Peace of Earth, good will to men.

December 15, 1977

Bob Lipshutz

The attached was returned in the President's outbox today and is forwarded to you for your information. The signed original has been given to Bob Linder for appropriate handling.

Rick Hutcheson

cc: Bob Linder

RE: PROPOSED E.O. -- TERMINATION

OF THE FEDERAL PROPERTY

COUNCIL

THE WHITE HOUSE

December 8, 1977

MEMORAN	MIIOI	FOR	THE	PRES	TDEN	JT

FROM:

ROBERT LIPSHUTZ

RE:

Proposed Executive Order: Termination

of the Federal Property Council

The attached proposed Executive Order implements part of Reorganization Plan No. 1 by terminating the Federal Property Council, which coordinates the work performed by GSA and other agencies in identifying under-utilized real property and making such property available for higher use. Under the proposed Order the agencies would continue their function of identifying such property, and OMB would review any disputes between agencies.

We recommend that you sign the attached Order.

Approve Disapprove

EXECUTIVE ORDER

TERMINATION OF THE FEDERAL PROPERTY COUNCIL

By virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States of America, including Section 205(a) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (40 U.S.C. 486(a)), and as President of the United States of America, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. (a) The Federal Property Council is terminated.

- (b) Section 1 of Executive Order No. 11954 of January 7, 1977, which reconstituted the Federal Property Council, is revoked.
- (c) Sections 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 of Executive Order No. 11954 are redesignated as Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5, respectively.
- Sec. 2. In order to permit the Director of the Office of Management and Budget to resolve disputes concerning under-utilized real property, the provisions of Executive Order No. 11954 which were redesignated as Section 4 by Section 1(c) of this Order are amended to read as follows:

"Sec. 4. The Director of the Office of Management and Budget shall review Federal real property policies and the objectives of the Executive branch of the Government; and, shall review the reports made by the Administrator of General Services pursuant to Section 3 of this Order, as well as other reports relating to resolving conflicting

claims on, and alternate uses for, any property described in those reports, consistent with laws governing Federal real property. The Director shall submit such recommendations and cause reports to be submitted to the President as may be appropriate.".

Timmy Carter

THE WHITE HOUSE,

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 14, 1977

BREAKFAST WITH SENATORS JACKSON AND NUNN

Thursday, December 15, 1977 8:00 a.m. (60 minutes) Oval Office

I. PURPOSE

To discuss the SALT Agreement.

- II. BACKGROUND, PARTICIPANTS & PRESS PLAN
 - A. <u>Background</u>: Senator Jackson requested this meeting for both him and Senator Nunn.
 - B. <u>Participants</u>: The President Senator Henry M. Jackson Senator Sam Nunn
 - C. Press Plan: White House Photo
- III. TALKING POINTS

None necessary.

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To Bob Bergland Jody Powell Prepare a brief summary of The form struction now compared to a year ago - both prices in the market and farm legis la bion. Make it sumple and in the form of a letter to individual farmers. Give it to me Monday so I can let Georgia (# other) farmers Know what wive done for them. Thanks /mmuy

m. Rusident -

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THEME - AMERICAN FAMILY

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